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LAGOS FOR AMBASSADOR YOUNG

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: CATHOLIC SCHOOL INTEGRATION IN SOUTH AFRICA

REF: A) CAPE TOWN 0114, B) ZANZIBAR 0055, C) ROME 1939

1. I BELIEVE MESSAGE PROPOSED BY AMBASSADOR YOUNG WOULD  
HELP REASSURE VATICAN OF OUR SUPPORT IF THERE IS SHOWDOWN  
BOWEEN SAG AND CATHOLIC CHURCH OVER SCHOOL ISSUE. IN PRIVATE  
CONVERSATIONS I HAVE EXPRESSED PERSONAL GRATIFICATION TO  
CATHOLIC OFFICIALS HERE OVER INITIATIVE THEY HAVE TAKEN.

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2. SAG IS APPROACHING ISSUE VERY GINGERLY. CONCURRENT  
WITH STRONG DENUNCIATION OF "UNILATERAL" DECISION BY  
CATHOLICS, PROVINCIAL ADMINISTRATORS HAVE SUGGESTED  
MEETING OF ANGLICAN SCHOOL AUTHORITIES WITH DEPARTMENT  
OF EDUCATION OFFICIALS AND ARCHBISHOP BURNETT HAS ACCEPTED.  
CATHOLICS HAVE BEEN TOLD BY PROVINCIAL AUTHORITIES THAT

IF THEY SO REQUEST, SIMILAR CONSULTATIONS COULD BE INITIATED. SO FAR WE ARE NOT AWARE THAT CATHOLIC CHURCH HAS RESPONDED BUT BISHOPS CONFERENCE NOW MEETING IN PRETORIA IS EXPECTED TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE.

3. WE HAVE IMPRESSION THAT SAG WANTS TO AVOID CONFRONTATION WITH CHURCHES OVER AN ISSUE ON WHICH OTHER SIDE WILL HAVE SUCH OVERWHELMING INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT AND SOME VERY ARTICULATE BACKING INTERNALLY. GOVERNMENT SEEMS TO BE PLAYING FOR TIME TO WORK OUT FORMULA, TAKING TOUGH PUBLIC LINE BUT PRIVATELY SHOWING WILLINGNESS TO TALK OVER ISSUES. WE CANNOT BE SURE OF OUTCOME FAVORABLE TO CHURCHES BUT ARE HOPEFUL THAT WISER HEADS WITHIN SAG COUNCILS WILL PREVAIL AS HAS BEEN CASE WITH CHANGES IN SPORTS POLICY.

4. WE WOULD URGE, HOWEVER, THAT OUR EXPRESSION OF SUPPORT NOT BE MADE PUBLIC AT THIS STAGE BECAUSE PUBLICITY OF USG BACKING OF VATICAN ON THIS ISSUE WOULD:

A) DRAMATIZE THE ISSUE GIVING IT AN EXPLICIT INTERNATIONAL DIMENSION;

B) STRENGTHEN THE HAND OF THE VERKRAMPTE ELEMENT IN CABINET WHO COULD THEN ARGUE THAT SAG MUST NOT BE SEEN TO BACK DOWN IN FACE OF "PROVOCATION" BY LOCAL CHURCH OFFICIALS SUPPORTED BY OUTSIDE PRESSURE;

C) CREATE AN ATMOSPHERE IN WHICH THE SAG WILL FIND IT VERY DIFFICULT TO CARRY OUT ITS APPARENT DESIRE TO FIND AN ACCEPTABLE FORMULA FOR PRIVATE SCHOOL INTEGRATION.

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